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SUVA FOR BUSBY, CINCPACREP FOR LNO STATUS, DEPT FOR OES,
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EO 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GNZ REPORT FROM MINI-FORUM MEETING, APIA (SPRFO)

1. MFA (PAUL COTTON) HAS PROVIDED EMBOFF FOLLOWING
ASSESSMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE MINI-FORUM MEETING
WHICH HAS JUST CONCLUDED IN APIA (PRECEDING SUVA MEETING
OF SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANIZATION (SPRFO).
COMMENTS ARE THE OPINION OF GNZ DELEGATE, COLIN KEATING,
WHO TELEPHONED RESULTS TO COTTON. EMBASSY BELIEVES
ASSESSMENT MAY BE USEFUL TO FISHERIES TEAM IN ITS
INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS JUNE 4 WITH GPNG DELEGATION.

2. KEATING'S COMMENTS:

- A) IT IS THE CONSENSUS OF FORUM STATES REPRESENTED
THAT THE "US NOT REPEAT NOT BE BARRED" FROM ENTRY INTO
SPRFO;

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- B) MEETING AT SUVA WILL BE DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE A
FORMULA WHICH WILL PERMIT THE USG TO ENTER SPRFO AS AN
ORIGINAL MEMBER;

-C) ALL FORUM STATES REPRESENTED AT APIA ARE NOW COM-
MITTED TO THE "TWO CONVENTION" APPROACH, EXCEPT PNG;

- D) PNG WAS ANXIOUS TO AVOID COMMITTING ITSELF TO "TWO CONVENTION" APPROACH BUT INDICATED IT MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE AS A FALL-BACK;
- E) THERE IS, HOWEVER, AN "OVERRIDING" CONCERN FOR THE POSITION OF FIJI AND NAURU WHICH WERE NOT REPRESENTED;
- F) AUSTRALIA, TONGA, NZ, COOK ISLANDS, NIUE STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE LEAD OF WESTERN SAMOA IN BEHALF OF FULL USG PARTICIPATION IN SPRFO (SOLOMONS WERE ALSO SUPPORTIVE, BUT LESS ENTHUSIASTICALLY SO);
- G) WEST SAMOAN PRIMIN EFI LEFT NO DOUBT BUT THAT WITHOUT USG INCLUSION THERE CAN BE NO WESTERN SAMOAN PARTICIPATION, AND SO TOLD GPNG DELEGATES;
- H) PNG ARGUED ITS CASE IN AN "ACADEMIC" WAY WHICH "NO ONE ELSE COULD UNDERSTAND.'

3. CONCLUSION OF KEATING IS THAT WESTERN SAMOA AND GNZ HAVE "STOPPED THE ROT." WHILE ONLY MINOR PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED SINCE THE NOVEMBER SUVA MEETING, THE APIA SESSION INDICATED THAT AT LEAST THE "EROSION OF THE LAST SIX MONTHS HAS BEEN RESTORED." HEALY

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